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**VIA ECF**

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**Re: Ex Parte Presentation: 09-47, 09-51, 09-137, 09-223**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 9, 2010, Gene DeJordy of Native American Telecom – Crow Creek and Dr. Alan Pearce of Information Age Economics met with Thomas Koutsky, Senior Advisor, Deployment Team, Omnibus Broadband Initiative, and Michael Connelly, Attorney Advisor, Wireless/Mobility and Acting Tribal Liaison for CGB/Intergovernmental Affairs, to discuss Dr. Pearce's recent study, *Fact Report: The Economic Impact of Free Conference Calling Services*, a copy of which has been served in each of these dockets by Dr. Pearce. I was also in attendance, along with David Erickson, Jeff Holoubek, and Mary Diamond of Free Conferencing Corporation.

Among other things, Mr. DeJordy discussed the deployment of a sustainable broadband initiative on the Crow Creek Indian reservation in South Dakota. He discussed the operational challenges associated with this deployment, but stressed that deploying broadband through Native American owned and controlled telecommunications carriers represents the best means of achieving Congress's stated goals of promoting civic participation, community development, education, worker training, entrepreneurial activity, job creation and economic growth on tribal lands.

Respectfully submitted,



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